Reservation for Physically Handicapped Persons in Banks

4973. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation in recruitment for physically handicapped persons in banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of physically handicapped employees in the banks at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). In terms of the instructions on the subject, public sector banks have to provide reservations in direct recruitment to their clerical and sub staff cadres in favour of the physically handicapped persons at the rate of 3 per cent (1% each for the visually handicapped, hearing handicapped and the orthopaedically handicapped).

(d) As per the available information, the repesentation of the physically handicapped persons in the clerical and sub staff cadres of the public sector banks, as on 31.12.90 is as follows:

Category	*Visually handicapped*	*Hearing handicapped*	*Orthopaedically handicapped*
Clerical	357	507	3906
Sub-Staff	81	172	1650

[*English*]

B.C.C.I.'s Financial Assistance to Pakistan

4974. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bank of Credit and Commerce International had financed Pakistan's clandestine nuclear programme;

(b) if so, whether Bank also acted as a conduit for arms supply of Punjab and Kashmir militants operating from the Pakistani territory;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). Presently, there is no evidence available to substantiate that BCCI (C) Ltd. Bombay financed Pakistan's nuclear programme or acted as a conduit for supply of arms to Punjab and Kashmir militants. In terms of the power vested with them under Section 30 (I B) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, Reserve Bank of India have ordered a special audit with a view to collect further information on the working of the BCCI Bombay branch.

Review on Working of Corporate Sector

4975. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review the working of corporate sector and regulate the new public equity/debenture issues;